(b) and (c) At present Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh is telecasting programme for limited duration produced by Doordarshan Kendra, Guwahati. Necessary steps have been initiated to post the requisite essential staff to Doordarshan Kendra, Dibrugarh so as to commission the Centre during 1993-94.

Setting up of new TV transmitters for coverage of population

4037. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of population is covered by T.V. network at present; and

(b) what places have been identified for setting up of new TV transmitters in the near future?

THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) About 82.4 per cent population of the country is, at present, estimated to be covered by TV service, inclusive of the population in the fringe areas, where elevated antennae and boosters are required for obtaining reception.

(b) The places where TV transmitters are, at present, under implementation/envisaged to be set up, subject to availability of resources, are given in the Statement. (*See* below). Out of these places, TV transmitters at Dharwad, Atmakur, Bheemavaram, Sujangarh, Khambat, Purulia, Jhargram and Jhalda, are envisaged to be commissioned in the near future.

Statement

TV Transmitters presently under implementation/envisaged to be set up

State/Union Territory	High Power Transmitters	Low Power/Very Low Power Transmitters
Andhra Pradesh . .	Kurnool Nandyal Rajamundary	Alagadda Atmakur Bheemavaram Gadwal Giddalur Hindupur Jagtial Kadiri Kavali Kuppam Madnapalli Medak Nagarkurnool Nirmal Paderu Siddipet Srisailam Tandur
Arunachal Pradesh . .		Pipu Dipu Yomcha

1	2	3
Assam	Tezpur	Bongaigaon Digboi Golaghat Haflong North Lakhimpur
Bihar	Gaya Jamshedpur	Aurangabad Godda Gumla Hazaribagh Lohardaga Nawada Raxaul Supaul
Gujarat	Bhuj Surat Vadodara	Dharangadhara Ider Khambat Mahuva Mangrol Morvi Nakhtarana Rapar
Haryana . . .	Hissar	Rewari
Himachal Pradesh . .	Dharamshala Shimla	Ajhu Fort Dalash Khara Pathar Palampur Sujanpur Sunder Nagar
Jammu & Kashmir	Leh Patnitop	Poonch Riasi Surankot Thanamandi Tithwal Uri
Karnataka	Dharwad Gulbarga* Mangalore Mysore Raichur	Bagalkot Gangavati Gokak Hamkhandi Mandya Mudigere Pavagada Ramadurg
Kerala	Calicut Cannanore	Kanangarh Munnar Thodupuzha
Madhya Pradesh . .	Ambikapur Guna Jabalpur (permanent set-up)	Alirajpur Datia Gadarwara Jaora Kukdeshwar Parasia Sironj

1	2	3
Maharashtra	Hathikhamba Jalgaon	Acot Adyal Tekdi Akluj Chikaldhara Chiplun Hinganghat Junnar Kankauli Karjat Khamgaon Khed Sangamner Umerga Washim
Manipur	Churachandpur	Moreh
Meghalaya	Cherapunji	Williamnagar
Mizoram	Lunglei	
Nagaland	Mokokchung	Phek
Orissa	Baleshwar Sambalpur**	Deogarh Malkangiri Nowarangpur Padampur Padampuram Pallahara Patnagarh
Punjab	Fazilka	Amet
Rajasthan	Ajmer Anupgarh Barmer Bundi Jaisalmer Jodhpur Nathdwara	Baran Bari Sadri Bhadra Chaumahla Chirawa Deogarh Fatehpur Gangapur (Sawai Madhopur Dist.) Gangapur (Bhilwara Distt.) Hindaun Kuchaman Kumbhalgarh Lachhmangarh Ratangarh Rawatsar Rail Mogra Sridungargarh Sujangarh
Sikkim	Gangtok	
Tamilnadu	Kumbakonam Rameshwaram	Arani Arcot Gudiyatam Pattukottai Rajapalayam Udumalpet

1	2	3
Tripura		Dharmanagar
Uttar Pradesh . . .	Banda Lakhimpur Mau	Almora Auraiya Bageshwar Champawat Chamoli Chaukhatia Didihat Ganj Dundwara Haldwani Joshimath Kotdwar Mahoba Mau Ranipur Muhammadabad Naugarh New Tehri Rasra Sikanderpur
West Bengal . .	Kharagpur Krishnanagar	Egra Farakka Jhalda Jhargram Purulia Ranighat Ryna
A. & N. Islands . .		Great Nicobar Havelock Katchal
Pondicherry . . .	Pondicherry	Karaikal

1. *Replacement of present 1 kw transmitter by 10 kw transmitter.
2. **In addition to above mentioned transmitters, 12 transposers are under implementation/ envisaged to be set up for providing coverage to shadow areas.

Relay of programme for the benefit of agriculturists by other aid kendras

4038. DR SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the immense popularity gained by a programme on silk and sericulture for the benefit of agriculturists organised in 1992 for six months by the Nagpur Akashvani;

(b) if so, what was the nature of the programme;

(c) whether there is a demand that this beneficial programme should be broadcast from other stations in Maharashtra; and

(d) whether other Centres of Akashvani in India will be asked to study this programme and implement it for the benefit of agriculturists in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The programme was broadcast for five months in the form of lessons on raising of mulberry trees and rearing of silk worms.